

WO-370
Jane Jones House
Pocomoke City
Private

c. 1865

The Jane Jones house, also known as the Mary A. Dryden house, stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of Market and Third streets in the center of Pocomoke City, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling belongs to a small group of mid nineteenth century houses that represent Pocomoke City's oldest housing stock. The side hall/parlor plan with a two-story dining room/kitchen wing was a modest house type built repeatedly on narrow town lots. The architectural features coupled with the chain of title research suggest that this house was erected during the ownership of Miss Jane M. Jones, which began in June 1863. She purchased a corner lot of a subdivided property from Zadok J. and J. and Araminta Hall for \$100, and subsequently financed the construction of this dwelling. Eight years later, in April 1871, she transferred ownership of the house and lot to Francis H. Dryden for \$600, a sum that reasonably represents the value of a house of this kind for the time. Within the same year Francis Dryden conveyed the property to Mary A. Dryden, wife of William Sidney Dryden, who is designated on the 1877 Newtown map of the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-370

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JANE JONES HOUSE

and/or common MARY A. DRYDEN HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 217 Market Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Jerry Tiller

street & number 217 Market Street telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code Maryland 21851

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 956

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 494

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Historically identified as the Jane Jones house, this two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling stands at 217 Market Street in the center of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1865, this two-story side hall/parlor frame dwelling rests on a brick pier foundation, and the building is sheathed with asbestos shingles. Covering the medium pitched roof is a layer of asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear is a two-story dining room/kitchen wing, and attached to the north side is a single-story commercial office now used by an optician.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The front door, topped by a three-light transom, is sheltered by a gabled hood supported on simple brackets. The adjacent windows have nailed on shutters. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows also flanked by later shutters. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The south gable end is marked by an off-center two-over-two sash window, and a centered second floor six-over-six sash window. Piercing the upper gable is a round arched louvered attic vent. The eaves to the roof are extended and finished with returns at the base.

The north gable end is largely covered by the north end wing. An interior brick stack rises through the roof.

The rear two-story, two-room plan service wing is finished with similar features. A center brick chimney protrudes through the roof.

The interior is finished with third quarter of the nineteenth century woodwork. A slender turned newel post recalls stair proportions of the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private consultant/Worcester Co. date 9/15/89

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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JANE JONES HOUSE
217 Market Street
Pocomoke City, Maryland
Chain of title

956/494 Jessie R. Selby

to

3/8/1976 Jerry E. Tiller

FWH 546/458 G. Russell Carter, Bert Cannon Carter,
his wife

to

7/15/1976 Jessie R. Selby

BB 31/576 Elwood E. Matthews, Louise Matthews

to

4/25/1937 G. Russell Carter

BB 31/160 Pocomoke City National Bank

to

1/1/1937 Elwood E. Matthews

BB 21/96 James M. Crockett, trustee power of attorney
for Cornelia Davis, Isaac S. Davis, trustee

to

4/12/1934 Pocomoke City National Bank

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JANE JONES HOUSE
217 Market Street
Pocomoke City, Maryland
Chain of title

FHP 1/601

Major T. Hall, et al.

to

7/13/1891

Cornelia Davis

house and lot

FHP 1/318

George M. Upshur, et al. trustees of
mortgage W. S. Dryden and Mary A. Dryden
his wife to William Dale

to

1/31/1891

Major T. Hall, et al.

JWS 3/337

Eugene W. Veasey & wife

to

5/18/1889

Mary A. Dryden
\$1300

JWS 1/8

Jennie Wilkerson

to

4/19/1886

Eugene W. Veasey
\$1300

ITM 10/525

W. Sidney Dryden and Mary A. Dryden

to

9/1/1884

Jennie Wilkerson
\$1200

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ITM 1/567 Francis H. Dryden

to

11/13/1871 Mary A. Dryden
\$800

ITM 1/450 Miss Jane Jones

to

4/26/1871 Francis H. Dryden
\$600

WET 3/409 Zadok J. Hall and Araminta Hall

to

6/23/1863 Jane M. Jones
\$100 beginning at the corner of the street
leading by the Episcopalians Church and
Protestant Methodist Church and the street
or county road leading to Virginia

WET 2/39 Jerome B. Hall and wife Julia C. Hall

to

12/29/1859 Zadok J. Hall and wife

EDM 7/349 James Stevenson and wife Elizabeth

to

3/6/1856 Jerome B. Hall

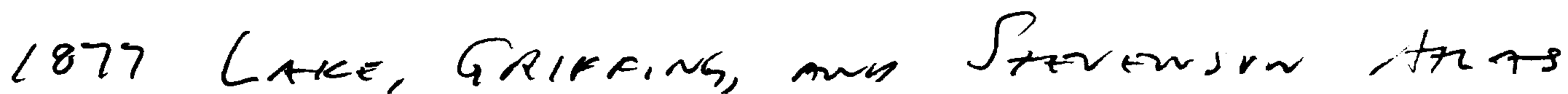
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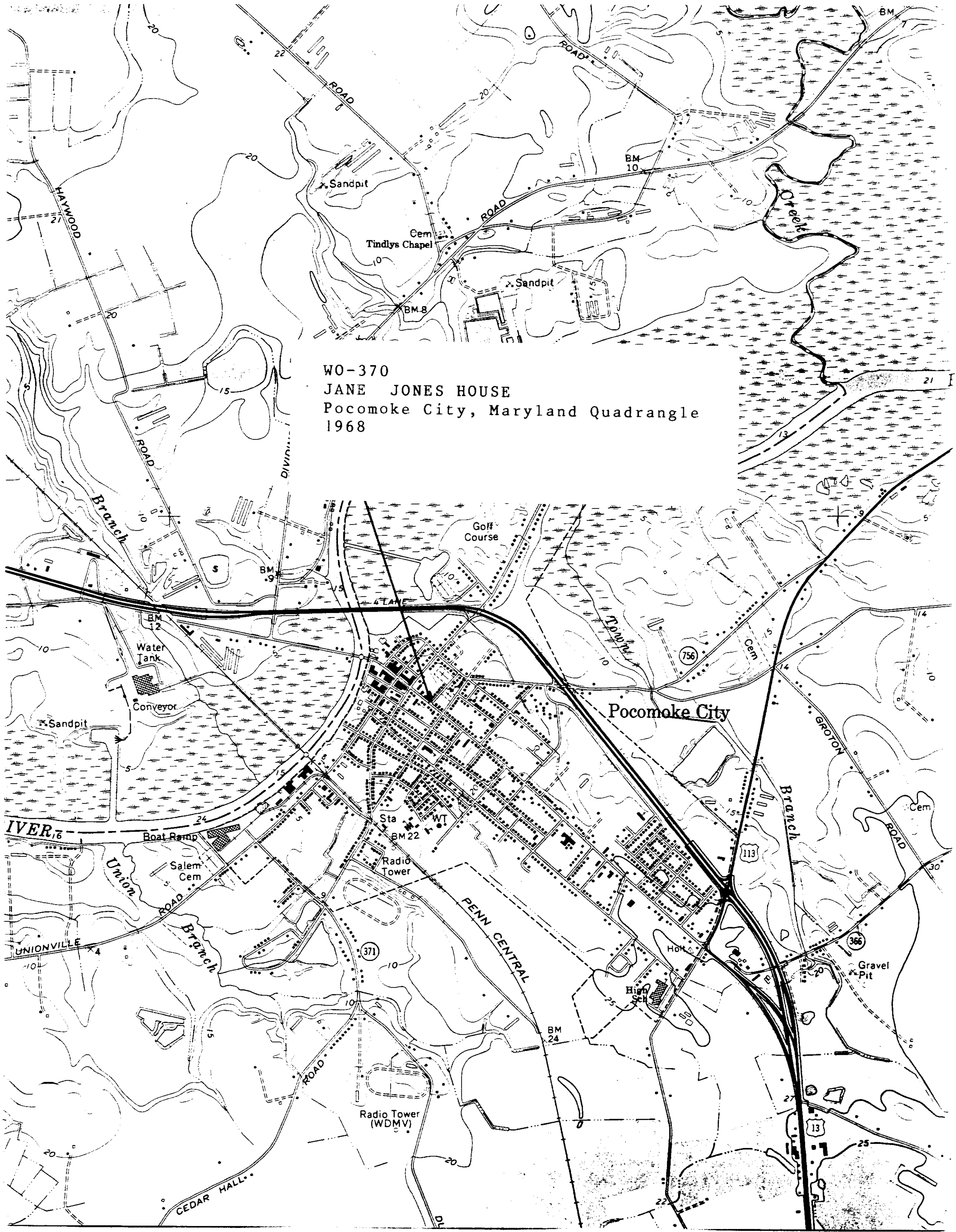
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JANE JONES HOUSE
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part of Cowley lying in the village of
New Town beginning at the corner of the street
or road leading through New Town to Virginia
and the street called Church Street or road
leading to Snow Hill

J. H. WHITE, Constable.
Dr. S. S. QUINN, Physician.
W. T. TULL, Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockery, Hardware, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Drugs, Medicines, &c. Cheap for cash.
TWILLEY & BRO., (W. B. Twilley & S. J. Twilley,) Proprietors of Livery, Sale and Exchange Stables. Passengers conveyed to any part of the Peninsula. Stables connected with the Clark House.
JAMES L. NOCK, Magistrate.





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JANE JONES HOUSE
Pocomoke City, Maryland Quadrangle
1968